

Brooklyn Feb. 22. 1838

Dear Sir,

We take the liberty of enclosing to you a specimen of a work of some novel or novel which has fallen into our hands; from the good taste displayed in the execution (though very coarsely finished) you might suppose we were concerned in its production; we shall therefore disclaim having any hand in creating it, except so far as the consent in the adge may be considered a part of the workmanship, which we plead guilty to having executed.

Please accept it as a specimen of an art which is brought to pretty great perfection, but which, strange to say, meets with but poor encouragement in this country, which we suppose is mostly owing to the Monopolising influence of the institution over which you preside.

We think the expression of face in the figure of Liberty is quite an improvement on those which have been made at the mint for these last few years. We have two genuine pieces by us minted in 1827 which we consider very perfect specimens of American coin, and far superior in expression to this country's.

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This piece is made of "the P. e. e. e. Roman
Silver," as the Connecticut manufacturers of the
metal say, when selling him goods to the country
people who are ignorant in these matters. It is
merely a white brass, without admixture of silver
in its composition; and any person, even of the
most stupid intellect, would learn to distinguish
this metal from silver, in the dark, by its gross
feel, by merely rubbing it a few times, alternately
with a piece of silver, between their thumb and fingers;
and it is impossible to make this imitation of
silver, that shall not have this very distinction quality.

We think if you were to publish a caution
to the public, which shall embody the matter of
the above sentence, and such other matter as your
extensive knowledge and experience may suggest,
it would prevent a great deal of the cheating
now going on, not only in coin, but in the various
other articles which are manufactured of this
counterfeit silver.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Dr. R. M. Patterson }
Mr. S. Mint }

Woodwards & Hale